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Governor Mike DeWine 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

On behalf of Ohio's county commissioners, county council members and county executives, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your continued leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we all know during times of uncertainty, we are strongest when we all pull together. We thank you for your continued partnership with counties as we work to protect the health of all Ohioans from this growing threat.

In particular, we appreciate the added flexibility provided to counties to conduct virtual meetings in the recently passed Am. Sub. H.B. 197. We thank you and the members of the Ohio General Assembly for providing counties the authority needed to conduct commissioner meetings via teleconference, video conference or other electronic means. We believe that citizens should be able to participate in county government without risking their health and the health of others.

We look forward to continued dialogue and partnership with your administration in the weeks to come. While there are many challenges yet on the horizon, we know that counties have a strong partner with your administration, and we will rely on that steady leadership in the days to follow.

Respectfully yours,

Carl Davis

Monroe County Commissioner and CCAO President





